



Exterior Portrait Medallions and The Great Hall Metopes

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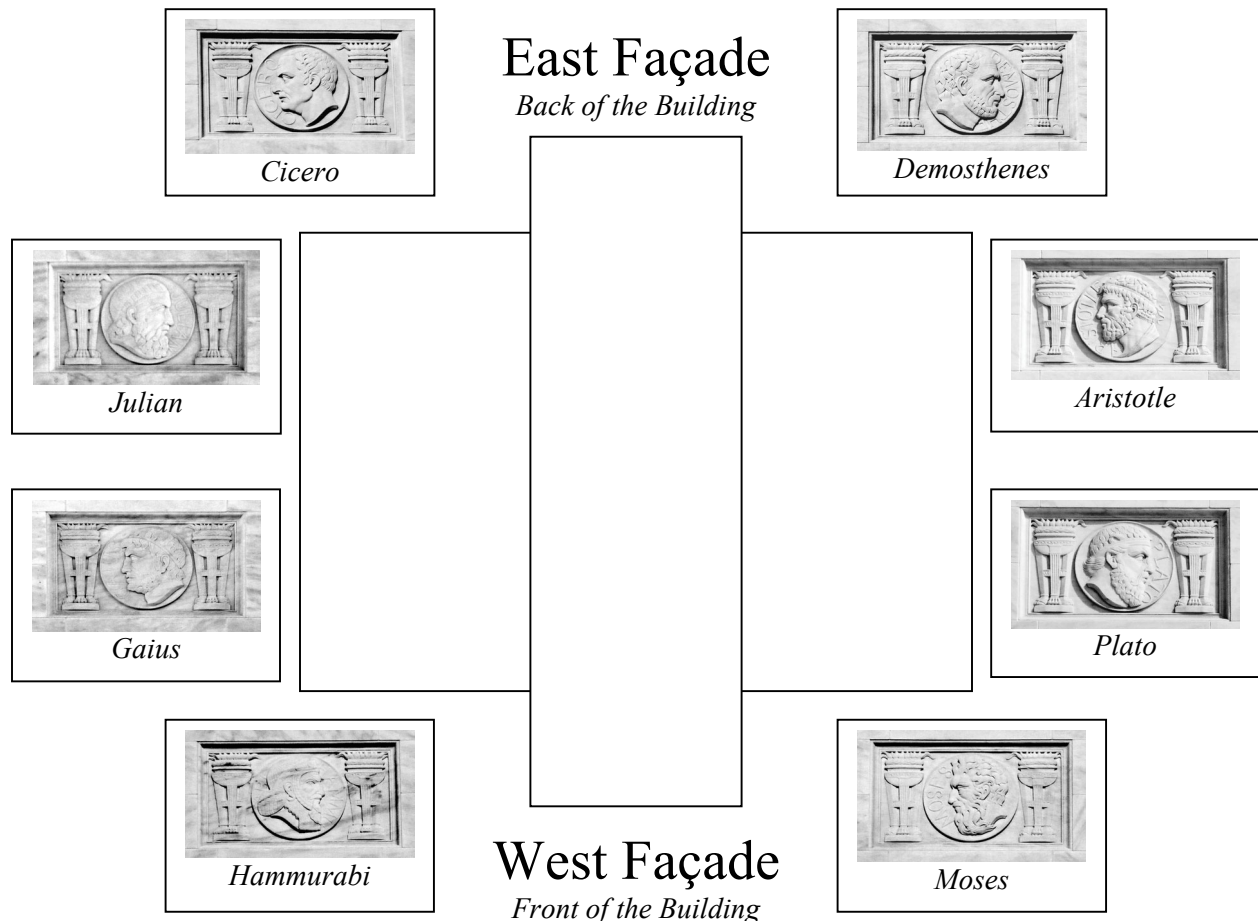
Eight portrait medallions are found on the corners of the Supreme Court Building. Chosen by the architect, each depicts an ancient jurist, advocate, philosopher, or lawgiver.

North Façade: Julian and Gaius (jurists)

East Façade: Cicero and Demosthenes (advocates)

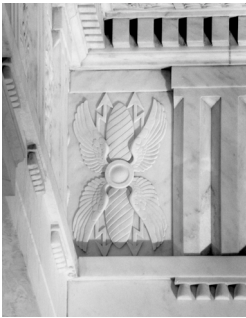
South Façade: Aristotle and Plato (Greek philosophers)

West Façade: Hammurabi and Moses (lawgivers)



Ornamental Metopes Located on the Frieze in the Great Hall of the Supreme Court Building

Metopes are listed in sequence and as described by architect Cass Gilbert's office. The architect's description of their symbolism is in italics below; each appears eight times in the Great Hall except for the thunderbolts, which appear twelve times.



1. Thunderbolts
Power



2. Minerva
Goddess of Wisdom



3. Armor Suit
Trophy of Victory



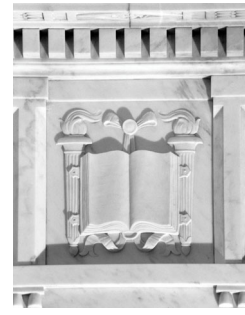
4. Lions' Head & Swords
Guardianship



5. Shield, Sword & Helmet
Trophies of Victory



6. Scales and Lamp
Justice and Wisdom



7. Book & Torches
Education and Knowledge



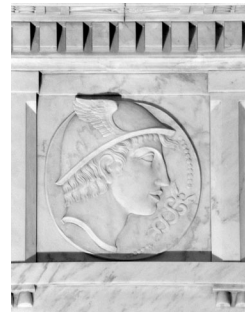
8. Moses
Lawgiver and Seer



9. Juno
*Genius of Womanhood and
Guardian of Female Sex*



10. Zeus
*Father of Gods and Men; God of
Heavens and Fertility*



11. Mercury
Herald and Messenger of the Gods



12. Solon
*Athenian Lawgiver and One of
Seven Sages of Greece*



13. Solomon
Wisdom and Magnificence



14. Eagle
*Bird of Freedom; Superiority and
Swiftness*



15. Owl
Wisdom and Meditation